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- Molotov saw the leading SED personalities on his way through Berlin and told them that the London Conference would be an even greater flasco than the Moscow 25X1 Conference. He wanted to hear how the SED leaders envisaged the future administration of Germany.
 - The SED representatives stated that even if the conference failed, they hoped that Allied administrative bodies would work together to bring about German unity. Molotov is reported to have said that he also wanted an agreement with the West on Germany unity but that he saw little possibility. The Americans must stop their war of nerves against Russia before the latter would consider serious negotiations on this point. He felt that Americans would not do this. Therefore, no understanding is possible.
 - Molotov further stated that Russia intends to leave the Control Council and pursue its own policy in Germany. He admitted that this would cause partition. Consequently, an Eastern Zone government must be established and diplomatic and trade relations entered into with friendly states.

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